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(54) **DEVICE AND METHOD FOR STORING DATA**

(57) Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To securely store data, stored in group areas like a folders at every generation day of the data, in a data storage device such as a personal computer at every generation day of the data so that the group areas do not overlap each other.

SOLUTION: When the structure of directories of a memory card matches a storage memory of a data reader (S1), a control part reads a management file of the memory card and holds the generation date of the folder and the pointer of the folder (S2). Then the held folder generation date is compared with the generation date of each folder stored in the storage memory 4 (S3) and when the dates match each other, each image file is taken in (S4) and stored in the existent folder (S5, S6). When the generation dates do not match each other, the held folder name is changed into the year, month, and day of the generation and generated in the storage memory 4 (S7), and each of the image files is read in (S8) and stored in a newly generated folder (S9).

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